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1. In the course of 1948, two non-Soviets were delivered into forced labor camp No. 1 at Inta, near Vorkuta, USSR. [redacted] both worked together [redacted] as miners underground at coal mine No. 2. They were:
  - a. Miller Von Seydlitz. This individual claimed to be a United States liaison officer with the rank of lieutenant. Allegedly he had been taken prisoner in 1948 in East Germany and transported to Inta after having been sentenced for espionage. [redacted] There were a few Estonian ship captains at Inta who spoke very good English and had been in the United States several times. They said that Von Seydlitz was very well informed about places and conditions in the United States and that he might well be an American. Von Seydlitz spoke very good German and excellent English. he usually conversed in English with the Estonians. [redacted] Von Seydlitz as follows: 29 years of age (as of June 1953); 170 cm. in height; black hair; dark brown eyes; oval face; strong build.
    - b. Erich Plessen. This individual was allegedly a British deserter who fled to East Germany in 1948, came into conflict with the Soviets there, and was tried for espionage. He told the other inmates at Inta that in 1936 he had won the championship in boxing at the Olympic Games. He spoke poor German. [redacted] Plessen as follows: 36 or 37 years of age (as of June 1953); 166 cm. in height; blond hair; light gray-green eyes; vigorous, athletic build.
2. On 16 June 1953, [redacted] Von Seydlitz and Plessen were still in the camp.

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